

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A gas bag restraining device comprising: device, comprising

a gas bag module having which has a gas bag with a front wall for restraining an occupant, upon which an occupant to be restrained can impact in a case of restraint, said front wall having a depression defined by a center portion of said front wall attached to said gas bag module, front wall which is produced in that a center portion of said front wall is attached to said module and is said center portion of said front wall being prevented from moving when said gas bag is inflated; inflated, said gas bag restraining device further comprising

a module cover for closing a ring-shaped outlet opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having a central hole which is covered by a stationary cap and eap which is stationary during opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having an edge defining said central hole; and and,

a holding connection being provided between said edge and said stationary cap, eap which is said holding connection being released when said gas bag module is opened so that said module cover opens outwardly towards outside starting from said edge,

said module cover having an end wall and a side wall, said end wall being clamped at a transition between said end wall and said side wall.

2. (Original) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said holding connection is a form-fitting connection.

3. (Original) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said cap makes a tongue-and-groove joint with said edge.

4. (Original) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said edge is clamped between an underside of said cap and a part of said module to which said cap is attached.

5. (Currently amended) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said edge has a projection extending towards an underside of said cap, said edge resting with which said edge rests against said underside of said cap.

6. (Currently amended) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 5, wherein, in a region of said projection, said underside has a recess for receiving which is preferably complementary to said projection.

7. (Currently amended) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said module cover consists of opposing flap portions having a parting joint connecting where said flap portions ~~are connected with each other~~ in a form-fitting manner.

8. (Currently amended) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said end wall has at least two opposing flap portions swivel outwardly are provided which are swiveling towards outside when opening said gas bag module opens, flap portions engaging in a form-fitting manner. and which in sections engage on the one hand said cap and on the other hand engage each other in a form-fitting manner.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 8, 9, wherein ~~in a region of said clamping~~ a hinge is formed at said transition, said hinge defining ~~which defines~~ a swivel axis for said flap portions portion of said end wall.

11. (Original) The gas bag restraint device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said module cover is opened by tearing.

12. (New) A gas bag restraining device comprising:

a gas bag module having a gas bag with a front wall for restraining an occupant, said front wall having a depression defined by a center portion of said front wall attached to said gas bag module, said center portion of said front wall being prevented from moving when said gas bag is inflated;

a module cover for closing a ring-shaped outlet opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having a central hole covered by a stationary cap and an edge defining said central hole; and

a holding connection provided between said edge and said stationary cap, said holding connection being released when said gas bag module is opened so that said module cover opens outwardly starting from said edge,

said edge extending obliquely from an underside of said module cover toward an underside of said cap, said edge defining a chamfer extending along an outer perimeter of said cap.

13. (New) A gas bag restraining device comprising:

a gas bag module having a gas bag with a front wall for restraining an occupant, said front wall having a depression defined by a center portion of said front wall attached to said gas bag module, said center portion of said front wall being prevented from moving when said gas bag is inflated;

a module cover for closing a ring-shaped outlet opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having a central hole covered by a stationary cap and an edge defining said central hole; and

a holding connection provided between said edge and said stationary cap, said holding connection being released when said gas bag module is opened so that said module cover opens outwardly starting from said edge,

said edge being clamped between an underside of said cap and a part of said gas bag module, said cap being immediately attached to said part.

14. (New) The gas bag restraining device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said part is a gas generator.

15. (New) A gas bag restraining device comprising:

a gas bag module having a gas bag with a front wall for restraining an occupant, said front wall having a depression defined by a center portion of said front wall attached to said gas bag module, said center portion of said front wall being prevented from moving when said gas bag is inflated;

a module cover for closing a ring-shaped outlet opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having a central hole covered by a stationary cap and a ring-shaped edge defining said central hole; and

a holding connection provided between said ring-shaped edge and said stationary cap, said holding connection being released when said gas bag module is opened so that said module cover opens outwardly starting from said ring-shaped edge,

said cap forming a tongue and groove joint with said ring-shaped edge, said joint extending around a perimeter of said cap.

16. (New) A gas bag restraining device comprising:

a gas bag module having a gas bag with a front wall for restraining an occupant, said front wall having a depression defined by a center portion of said front wall attached to said gas bag module, said center portion of said front wall being prevented from moving when said gas bag is inflated;

a module cover for closing a ring-shaped outlet opening of said gas bag module, said module cover having a central hole covered by a stationary cap and an edge defining said central hole; and

a holding connection provided between said edge and said stationary cap, said holding connection being released when said gas bag module is opened so that said module cover opens outwardly starting from said edge,

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 said holding connection extending along said edge
and around said cap, said edge having a projection extending
toward an underside of said cap, said projection being
disposed adjacent said underside of said cap, said underside
of said cap having a ring-shaped recess for receiving said
projection, said recess extending along a perimeter of said
cap.